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SUBJECT: RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OF CONSUMER PRODUCTS

REF A) STATE 155364, B) TAIPEI 4192, C) STATE 128968

1. DURING JUNE AND EARLY JULY, SEVERAL US TV MANUFACTURERS- RCA, ADMIRAL AND MAGNOVOX- AND THEIR LOCAL AGENTS REPEATEDLY ASKED THE EMBASSY TO URGE THE GROC TO LIFT THE RESTRICTIONS ON THE IMPORTATION OF COLOR TVS. THESE FIRMS ALSO DIRECTLY CONTACTED THE BOARD OF FOREIGN TRADE TO PRESS THEIR INDIVIDUAL CASES. ON JULY 23, THE LOCAL AGENTS OF GE, PHILCO/FORD, ADMIRAL AND MAGNOVOX JOINTLY PETITIONED THE BOFT TO LIFT THE QUOTA SYSTEM WHEREBY THEY ARE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BECAUSE THEY, UNLIKE RCA, DID NOT ESTABLISH A LARGE IMPORT RECORD OVER THE PAST YEAR AND THEREFORE WERE ASSIGNED A LOW QUOTA VIS-A-VIS RCA.

2. ECON/COMM COUNS WROTE TO MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, Y.S. SUN, ON JULY 9 ASKING FOR CLARIFICATION OF THE GROC'S RECENT DECISION TO BAN THE IMPORT OF AUTOMOBILES AND TO RESTRICT THE IMPORT OF COLOR TVS. THE LETTER
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CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT "WE RECOGNIZE THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT

HAS THE RIGHT TO TAKE SUCH ACTIONS AS IT CONSIDERS
NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN THE ECONOMIC VIABILITY OF THE
REPUBLIC OF CHINA, INCLUDING THE RESTRICTION OF IMPORTS.
IT IS TO BE HOPED THAT SUCH RESTRICTIONS WILL BE
REMOVED ONCE THERE IS NO LONGER A COMPELLING REASON
FOR THEIR IMPOSTIION". THUS FAR, THERE HAS BEEN NO
RESPONSE FROM OEA. THE REPLY IS BEING DRAFTED BY THE
BOARD OF FOREIGN TRADE AND DIRECTOR Y.T. WONG TOLD
ECON/COMM COUNS ON JULY 29 THAT A REPLY HAS NOT YET
BEEN PREPARED.

3. AS FAR AS THE EMBASSY IS AWARE, BOFT HAS TAKEN NO
ACTION ON ANY COLOR TV IMPORT LICENSE SUBMITTED DURING
PAST TWO MONTHS. EMBASSY IS SENDING ANOTHER LETTER TO
MOEA REQUESTING A REPLY TO OUR FIRST LETTER AND THAT
SPECIAL CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO THE IMPORTES WHO
WERE CAUGHT BY THE JULY 1 RESTRICTION WITH SHIPMENTS
ALREADY LANDED IN TAIWAN OR IN TRANSIT.
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